

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Examiner's first objection

The changes in the claim language, above, is believed to successfully traverse the Examiner's objections to the claim language. The word "knife" has been replaced with "knife," as requested by the Examiner.

Examiner's first rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Robinson in view of Oswood. The Applicant disagrees with this basis for rejection, as noted below.

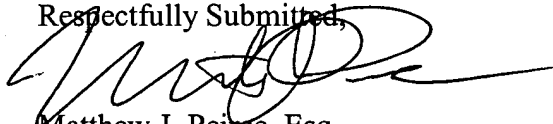
Even if all of the elements of the two cited prior art references were combined, the resulting combination would not have all of the elements of the present invention. First and foremost, the Oswood prior art reference blade does not appear to have a forty-five degree angle, but rather, anywhere between a sixty- to an eighty-degree angle. Furthermore, it appears that only one blade is present in the Oswood prior art reference and not two blades. Finally, it appears that there are not two clamps to secure each blade to a base, but rather, a hole through which the blade is mounted onto a propeller.

Claims 2-4 are directly or indirectly derivative of claim 1. As claims that are derivative of claims that are believed to be in condition for allowance, claims 2-4 also are in condition for allowance due to the fact that it contains all limitations inherent in the base claim. Therefore, applicant believes he has traversed this rejection as well for claims 2-4.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above-described reasons, applicant submits that the specifications and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims define patentability over the prior art. In addition, applicant believes that his arguments in the "Remarks" section successfully traverses the objections and rejections brought forth by the Examiner in the Office Action. Therefore, the applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action he respectfully solicits. If the Examiner feels that some of the dependent claims are allowable, the Applicant asks the Examiner to allow the Applicant to make any amendments to the allowed claims to incorporate all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew J. Peirce', is written over the text 'Respectfully Submitted,'.

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